

OBREGON REJECTS PROTOCOL WHEN MILITIA IS CALLED

Twenty Lost as Steamer Sinks in Lake Superior

U.S. CONSIDERS SUBSEA ISSUE IS NOW CLOSED

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NO REPLY IS EXPECTED TO NOTE OF ACCEPTANCE

Kaiser Will Likely Allow Matter to Rest—Insistence on "Condition" Would Bring Break.

International News Service: WASHINGTON, May 9.—The United States considers the submarine issue with Germany closed. It will be reopened only if the pledges accepted by this government are violated or Germany says that they are withdrawn because of the rejection of the suggestion that they hinged on action by Great Britain. There still remains the adjustment of damages for American lives lost through illegal operations of submarines. But this is a matter which Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, has full authority to negotiate.

In this connection officials said that even though it should develop that some of the recent attacks upon merchant vessels, including the White Star liner Cymric, were in violation of the German orders they could not be considered by the United States as a violation of the pledges already made. In no instance within the last week have American interests suffered, and in the case of the Cymric in addition to there being no Americans on board, her cargo consisted entirely of munitions.

No Reply Expected. There was a general feeling among officials today that Germany will let the submarine situation rest with the Lansing note. It is known that this is the advice of Ambassador von Bernstorff. He takes the position that there have been too many notes heretofore and that if permitted he and Sec'y Lansing could have reached the conclusions (CONTINUED ON PAGE FOUR.)

TO PROVIDE ARMY OF 175,000 MEN

International News Service: WASHINGTON, May 9.—A regular army at peace strength of 175,000 men and a federalized militia of about 400,000 men was fixed by congressional leaders today as the ultimate measure of land defense that will be authorized under the administration's preparedness program. The joint conference committee of the house and senate, considering the army reorganization bill, was prepared to agree on these provisions today.

Efforts of senate preparedness advocates to include in the bill a special force of federal volunteers, under the direct control of the war department, were deemed to defeat. The house conferees, when the conference was resumed today, were under explicit instructions not to agree to the volunteer army plan, which followed closely the continental army scheme—the cause of the resignation of former Sec'y of War Garrison.

The house conferees were prepared to accept, however, a modified form of the senate provision for the establishment of a government air nitrogen plant. As framed by the house and submitted to the conferees, this proposal would provide for the greatest government-owned business activity authorized since the inauguration of the Alaska railroad. The house plan would authorize the president to expend \$20,000,000 on a nitrate plant to manufacture nitrogen compounds for use in explosives, and would authorize him to utilize the surplus nitrates for the manufacture of fertilizers. Although the house was originally opposed to this proposition, Pres. Wilson's insistence upon it broke down the opposition.

Lone Survivor Too Dazed to Give Details

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich., May 9.—Twenty men were lost off Eagle Harbor, Lake Superior, in the 60-mile gale late yesterday in which the steamer S. R. Kirby was sunk. The Joseph Block brought one survivor to the Soo this morning. The Block reports that the barge Hartwell, in tow of the Kirby, has been picked up by the steamer Berry and taken to shelter under Keweenaw point.

The Kirby is owned by the Northwestern Transportation Co. of Cleveland, and the men lost were probably of that city. She was loaded with coal.

Water in Petoskey, Mich., is three feet higher than normally, a 10-foot tidal wave Monday hitting Little Traverse bay.

It is not known here how many men were on the Kirby, but efforts are being made to find out from Cleveland. The lone survivor brought here is too much dazed to make a statement.

Man Sought as Assailant May be Suicide Victim

No trace of Vilnius Vayda, wanted by the police as one of the participants in the cutting affray which took place at the Zigmund Odor saloon last Sunday and resulted in serious injuries to Alex Pallor, has been found. Vayda's brother, John, is of the opinion that the man who did most of the cutting in the Sunday affray, Pallor is at the Epworth hospital but is reported to be improving and his condition is not considered critical.

GIVEN 30-DAY TERM

Frank Dunkleberger Sentenced For Breaking Quarantine Laws.

Frank Dunkleberger, 1023 1/2 S. Eighth st., River Park, was sentenced to 30 days in the county jail Tuesday morning by City Judge Warner for violation of the quarantine ordinance. It was asserted by Officer Listenberg of the health department that Dunkleberger drove his family from their home, which was quarantined on account of scarlet fever, Dunkleberger denied this, stating that he entered the house for the purpose of securing his clothes. Judge Warner accepted the testimony of the authorities and handed Dunkleberger one of the stiffest sentences he has pronounced recently in similar cases.

AVER FALSE STATEMENTS

Joseph Ross Charged With Obtaining Credit Fraudulently.

Joseph Ross, 421 S. Anthony st., denied a charge of making false statements in order to obtain credit when arraigned in city court Tuesday. It is alleged that Ross with another man put into writing that they owned certain property in South Bend with a total value of \$2,700, and secured \$118.12 in credit from A. C. Nardi, a dealer in live stock. Nardi insists that the men do not own the property described and will not pay the debt. The case was set down for trial next Saturday and bond was placed at \$200.

ACCUSED OF LARCENY

Schuyler Andrus Alleged to Have Stolen \$7 From His Friend.

Schuyler Andrus, charged with larceny, pleaded not guilty in city court Tuesday morning and his trial was set down for Thursday morning. It is asserted by Noah E. Goodyear, 217 E. Wayne st., that Andrus, who has been working for him, pretended he was drunk last Sunday afternoon to cover up the theft of \$7. Goodyear says Andrus leaned up against him and took the money from his pocket.

FOUR REPORTED KILLED.

International News Service: NEW YORK, May 9.—Four persons were reported killed and 15 injured in an explosion in the mixing plant of the Atlas Powder Co., at Landing, N. J., near Lake Hopatcong, this afternoon.

Map of Border Raid and Leaders in Bandit Chase



Maj. George T. Langhorne (top), who commands two troops of eighth cavalry, and Col. Frederick W. Sibley, who heads the expedition after bandits. The map shows (1) Columbus, scene of the first border raid; (2) El Paso, from where two eighth cavalry troops started for Marathon (3), nearest town to raided settlements. A posse of 50 men have started from Marathon in pursuit of the raiders. McKenney Springs (4), Glenn Springs (5), and Boquillas (6), were the three places raided Friday and Saturday. The outlaws are said to be encamped (7) between Boquillas and Boquillas de Carmen.

Gen. Carranza Would Prevent Entry of More U. S. Troops Into Mexico

International News Service: MEXICO CITY, May 9.—Eight Americans employees of a zinc mine south of Boquillas, who were reported to have been captured and carried off by the Mexicans who raided that district Friday night, are safe. Carl Halter, one of the employees, arrived here today with the news that all had escaped. The Americans made their escape, according to Halter, by overpowering their guards.

International News Service: MEXICO CITY, May 9.—It was officially announced here late last night that steps had been taken to prevent the entry of more American troops into Mexico territory.

There is no explanation of this act, which appears to contravene a statement issued just previous that the de facto government was endeavoring to settle amicably the crisis arising out of the Glen Springs incident.

First Chief Carranza holds the

Gillen, Grilled by Two Chiefs, Says He Was in Detroit on Murder Night

"Kanush" Frank Gillen, held by the police department as a suspect in the Muesel-Chrobot murder mystery, declares that on the evening of Dec. 26, 1915, when the dual slaying took place at the Muesel Brewing Co. offices, he was in Detroit, Mich., having left South Bend on Dec. 26.

Gillen made this assertion to Chiefs Kerr and Kuespert, Tuesday morning, when questioned by the two officials. "Kanush" also told the police how they could ascertain that he was in Detroit at the time of the slaying.

Word already has been dispatched to the Detroit police officials to investigate the Michigan angle of the case. It is expected that Gillen's alibi will be either proved or disproved within the next 12 hours. If his story is true, it will be impossible to connect him up with the killing of Henry Muesel and Frank Chrobot, who were the victims of two gunmen who held up the brewery offices.

If Gillen can prove his story, he will be unable to charge him with the crime," declared Chief Kerr today. "He will be eliminated from the mystery and our efforts will be directed along other lines."

Gillen appears to be positive in all his statements and his story hangs together in good shape. He asserts that he left here on Dec. 26. He is not certain whether he spent the following night in Jackson or

CYMRIC, LADEN WITH SUPPLIES, IS DESTROYED

White Star Express Freighter of 13,000 Tons Goes to Bottom After Being Torpedoed by German Sub.

CARRIED MUNITIONS WORTH NEARLY MILLION

No Americans Were Aboard Vessel—All of Crew Are Reported to Have Been Saved.

International News Service: LONDON, May 9.—The White Star express freighter Cymric, which was torpedoed by a German submarine off the Irish coast on Monday afternoon, sank this morning.

Before news of the sinking of the 13,000-ton freighter was received, it had been reported that the disabled vessel was on her way to an Irish port.

A Lloyd's dispatch, received just before noon, stated that all on board the Cymric had been saved.

The White Star freighter, which was under orders from the British admiralty, and carried a cargo of war supplies estimated to be worth nearly a million dollars, was supposed to be under convoy of a warship because of the importance and value of her cargo.

It was regarded as possible that the attack might have been made in the presence of an English man-of-war.

The belief here at the time news of the sinking of the ship was received was that there were no American citizens on board.

Carric Crew of 110.

The ship carried a crew of 110 men and, in addition, five English seamen from another ship, who were returning from New York because of sickness.

The Cymric, which sailed from New York on April 29, was commanded by Capt. F. E. Readell and carried, among other articles, the following:

Eight cases of firearms, 13 cases of guns, 50 cases of rifles, 820 cases of gun covers, 400 reels of barbed wire, 11,049 cases of empty shells, six cases of bayonets, 331 bales of leather, 18 cases of automobiles, 590 cases of primers, 2,143 cases of fuses, 40 cases of aeroplane parts, 167 cases of copper tubes, 220 cases of fuseheads, 8,600 cases of cartridges, lubricating oils and agricultural machinery.

Word was anxiously awaited as to the fate of members of the crew. Early dispatches relating to the Cymric were meager and did not say whether the explosion had killed and wounded any of the seamen on board.

The freighter evidently remained afloat about 10 or 12 hours after the explosion had occurred, which would have given time for escape from the sinking vessel.

Difference in Time.

It was recalled that the British steamer industry was sunk 120 miles west of the Irish coast by a German submarine and in maritime circles the opinion was expressed that the same underwater boat which destroyed the industry sank the Cymric.

Although the White Star line stated that the attack upon the Cymric was made at noon, the Queenstown correspondent of Lloyd's telegraphed that the freighter was torpedoed at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Queenstown telegram read: "The Cymric, bound from New York to Liverpool, was torpedoed at 4 o'clock Monday afternoon. Assistance was sent. The Cymric sank at 3 a. m. on Tuesday. A wireless message from the Dutch steamer Grollus, via Valencia, stated that all on board the Cymric were saved."

CONSUL FROST REPORTS.

International News Service: WASHINGTON, May 9.—The direct statement that the White Star liner Cymric, sunk by a German torpedo off the Irish coast, was in the service of the British admiralty was made in cablegrams received from Consul Frost at Queenstown, today.

Frost also stated that the "absence of warning is infernal."

The first message from Frost stated that the Cymric was torpedoed at 4 p. m. Monday afternoon, while 138 miles from Fastest 14th.

Latest Summary Of War

FIRE IN KNOXVILLE.

International News Service: KNOXVILLE, Tenn., May 9.—Fire in the northeast section of the city this morning destroyed 40 residences with a loss estimated at \$150,000. The blaze originated in a mattress factory and spread rapidly before a high wind. The firemen were handicapped by lack of water.

SENATE STANDS FIRM.

WASHINGTON, May 9.—Without a dissenting voice the senate today voted to insist upon a regular army of 250,000 men and the federal volunteer army plan.

OPPOSE MORE TROOPS.

International News Service: MEXICO CITY, May 9.—The government press today says:

"We are officially informed that for no reason whatever will our government permit more troops to invade our territory. If using the Big Bend occurrence as a basis the United States attempts to send a new punitive force into our country Mexico will resist it at all cost. The Mexican people do not desire war, but will defend the sovereignty of the country at all cost, fighting hand-to-hand and body to body to maintain it."

Blaze Destroys Chicago Factory; Loss \$500,000

International News Service: CHICAGO, May 9.—Fanned by a strong lake breeze, fire early this morning destroyed the immense factory of the Herhold Chair Co., in W. Erie st., with a loss estimated at \$500,000. The factory was seven stories high and covered almost an entire city block. The cause of the conflagration has not been determined.

Fifty fire engines were rushed to the scene. Firemen battled fruitfully to save the factory and finally turned their attention to saving adjacent property. Many families moved their belongings into the street. The blaze was discovered shortly after 4 o'clock and by 6 o'clock the huge structure was a total wreck.

FAY GETS EIGHT YEARS IN PRISON FOR CONSPIRACY

German Officer Guilty of Plotting Sentenced With Two Co-Defendants.

International News Service: NEW YORK, May 9.—Lieut. Robert Fay of the German army who was found guilty of conspiring to blow up ships carrying ammunition to the allies, was today sentenced to eight years in the federal penitentiary at Atlanta.

The original charges in the indictments were merged which was responsible for the sentences running concurrently.

Sentence was imposed by Fed. Judge Harland B. Howe.

Counsel for the prisoners announced an appeal would be taken.

SCOTT REPORTS AGREEMENT IS NOW WITHHELD

President Summons National Guard of Texas, New Mexico and Arizona For Border Guard Duty.

MEXICO CITY ASSERTS TERMS ARE ACCEPTED

Consul-Gen. Rodgers Says Carranza Announced Signing of Treaty—Withholds Substance.

International News Service: WASHINGTON, May 9.—Gen.

Hugh L. Scott this afternoon reported to the war department that Mexican Minister of War Obregon today refused to sign the protocol agreed upon by them several days ago.

Gen. Scott is reported to have informed Sec'y of War Baker that Obregon said that he would enter into no agreement with this government because of the calling out of the militia of the three border states, until he had obtained "new information."

On the other hand, Consul Gen. Rodgers at Mexico City this afternoon reported to the state department that Carranza had announced that the protocol had been signed and was in effect, although he would not make public the contents of the agreement.

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calling out of the militia in Texas, New Mexico and Arizona for border duty will release a great number of regular troops from patrol duty for active service in Mexico, should it be decided to send more regulars over the line.

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